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Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo

Addendum

Report of the Secretary-General

Summary

Pursuant to the provisions of section IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994, in this report the Secretary-General is seeking authority to enter into commitments with assessment in an amount not exceeding $200 million to meet the most immediate requirements for carrying out the initial phase of the implementation plan of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK).

The action to be taken by the General Assembly is set out in paragraph 9 of the present report.

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I. Overview

1. The Security Council, in its resolution 1244 (1999) of 10 June 1999, decided to deploy in Kosovo, under United Nations auspices, international civil and security presences, with appropriate equipment and personnel.

2. In his report to the Security Council of 12 June 1999 (S/1999/672), the Secretary-General presented a preliminary operational concept for the overall organization of the civilian presence in Kosovo, which will be known as the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). A more detailed concept of operations for UNMIK will be presented by the Secretary-General later, based on the findings of the advance Headquarters team deployed in the mission area in mid-June 1999.

3. In light of the multidisciplinary and complex activities envisaged, UNMIK will be working closely with United Nations agencies and other international organizations. The practical steps in that direction are being negotiated with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE), the European Union (EU) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). These and other organizations, under the auspices of the United Nations, will assume the leading roles in areas such as humanitarian affairs, institution-building and reconstruction.

II. Preliminary financial requirements of the Mission

4. Following the adoption of Security Council resolution 1244 (1999), and in order to meet immediate operational requirements, including the dispatch of an advance team to the mission area, the Controller obtained the concurrence of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions to enter into commitments up to the amount of $50 million under the provisions of section IV of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A of 23 December 1994.

5. The Secretary-General has informed the Council that the Mission will be headed by a Special Representative of the Secretary-General. The Office of the Special Representative will include units for political, economic and legal advice, military liaison and public information. The Secretary-General has also informed the Council that the interim civil administration component of the Mission, led by the United Nations, will comprise three offices as follows:

(a) The Office of the Police Commissioner, whose staff will include an international civilian police unit (approximately 1,800 persons) to oversee the civilian police operation and to establish and supervise a Kosovo police force, a special police force (approximately 1,000 persons) for crowd control and other special police functions and an international border police unit (approximately 200 persons);

(b) The Office for Civil Affairs, which will be responsible for overseeing and, where necessary, conducting a number of civil affairs functions, such as civil service and economic and budgetary affairs, as well as supporting the restoration and provision, in the short run, of basic public services, such as public health, education, utilities, transport and telecommunications. The exact requirements are in the process of being identified;

(c) The Office for Judicial Affairs, which will be responsible for the organization and oversight of the judicial system, authentication of legal documentation and related activities. The exact requirements are also in the process of being identified.

6. At the present time, while the completion of the initial assessment of the advance team, the conclusion of necessary consultations with the participating agencies and the subsequent submission of a detailed report to the Security Council are still pending, it is not possible, in the absence of precise information on operational requirements, to submit detailed cost estimates to the General Assembly for UNMIK.

7. Given the fact that time will be required for the advance team to submit its report to the Secretary-General, for the Secretary-General to report to the Council and for action to be taken by the Council on the Secretary-General's report, as well as for preparation of a full budget for the General Assembly and for subsequent action thereon, it is essential that UNMIK be provided not only with commitment authority to meet the costs of the operation, but also with funds.

8. The complexity of the mandate and the scope of tasks to be undertaken, as enumerated in paragraph 11 of Council resolution 1244 (1999), makes UNMIK a large-scale operation the timely deployment and effectiveness of which will be dependent on the availability of sufficient and sizeable cash resources to enable the Mission to meet its monthly operating costs. Accordingly, the Secretary-General is seeking commitment authority and assessment of $200 million from the General Assembly to meet the preliminary operating costs of UNMIK from inception until such time as a full budget will be presented to the General Assembly in the fall. This amount is inclusive of the $50 million already concurred in by the Advisory Committee.

III. Action to be taken by the General Assembly at its fifty-third session

9. Pursuant to the provisions of section IV, paragraph 2, of General Assembly resolution 49/233 A, the General Assembly is requested to grant the Secretary-General authority to enter into commitments with assessment, in an amount not exceeding $200 million, inclusive of the amount of $50 million already authorized by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions.